

DM-455

DEPUTIES* MEETING

Friday, 16 December 1955

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory,
Col. White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [redacted]
[redacted] Sheldon, [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

a. Stated he had received a call from Gen. Gaither, AC of S, G-2, Dept. of the Army, this morning, expressing concern over the worsening situation between the [redacted] and noted he had informed Gen. Gaither that in his opinion there were some extremists in [redacted] who may very well wish to precipitate hostilities. Mr. Dulles asked those present if this be true what should CIA do as an intelligence agency if the [redacted] decide to move. Mr. Amory remarked he believed the current policy paper on such action should it occur covers this contingency. The Director noted his intention of calling Dillon Anderson and suggesting that he bring this paper to the attention of all concerned. In connection with the current [redacted] situation Mr. Wisner suggested that [redacted] who was present at [redacted] [redacted]'s dinner for [redacted] write up the [redacted] comments on this area. ACTION: Mr. Amory undertook to see that this is done. Activities of the Watch Committee with respect to the [redacted] was discussed and it was decided that no further action of this Committee is necessary at this time.

b. Referred to a letter he had received from Senator Benton and asked DD/I to insure that he (Benton) receives the material referred to therein. The Director noted he would call Senator Benton and advise him he would be receiving this material in the near future.

General Cabell:

25X1 b. Stated in going over one of the Director of Training's weekly reports he had noted that Training had attempted to establish classes in [] strange and different languages and had received only two applicants -- one from DD/P and one from DD/I. Gen. Cabell said it had been contemplated that these languages would be studied on company time and, of course, at no expense to the students. ACTION: DD/P and DD/I undertook to determine why more of their people had not applied for these courses. The Director remarked that he had been concerned for some time over the fact that a number of our senior and junior officers in area divisions did not know the language of their respective areas and he desired more emphasis placed on language training. In this connection the Director asked if anything is being done about this and stated he felt that language proficiency should be one of the determining factors in promotion. In short, where there is only one vacancy and two or more officers are being considered, officers with language proficiency in their area should "have a plus and those without a minus". Col. White noted there is a plan for increasing the language proficiency of employees which is tied in with the Incentive Awards Program and as soon as it can be staffed out it would be submitted to the Career Council for consideration.

c. Noted Col Baird had reported that those taking advantage of the reading improvement course had increased their ability to rapidly read and retain and in fact this course has resulted in a substantial saving in man hours. The Director noted he would like to talk to our expert on rapid reading at some convenient time. ACTION: Mr. []

Mr. Wisner:

a. Received the Director's approval to have Admiral Radford briefed by selected stations during his current trip.

25X1 b. Reported that Mr. Wm. Godel, Dep. Asst. to the Secretary of Defense, Special Operations, plans to visit the Far East some time after the first of the year. Gen. Cabell suggested that since he will in all probability see a number of mal-contents from Defense it might be well to have him briefed by selected CIA Chiefs of Station. Mr. [] noted he believed [] were drafting a cable on this. The Director asked that he and Gen. Cabell see it before dispatch.

c. Reported that Douglas MacArthur II, Counselor of the Department of State, is holding a meeting next week on SEATO and noted his intention of attending after outlining what CIA's position should be at this meeting. The Director approved.

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Reported that the survey of the Clandestine Services conducted by the Bureau of the Budget shows that these people have an excellent working knowledge of our covert activities and recommended that should future surveys be made that he and DD/S work out some system whereby security can be protected. The Director approved and asked to see the above-mentioned survey after DD/P has an opportunity to make his comments.

Col. White:

Reported that the Bureau of the Budget intends to make another survey of the intelligence community collection activities.

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Mr. Amory:

b. Stated he had received an invitation from Mr. McCloy to make an address at Arden House before a group of industrialists, including people from foreign nations. Since this address is not scheduled for about three months the Director said he would like to think it over.

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